

# American Mother Tells of Visit to Son, Life Prisoner in China

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PEIPING, Oct. 24. Mrs. Ruth Redmond said yesterday she found her son "looking fairly well" when she visited him Monday in the Shanghai prison where he is serving a life sentence on an espionage charge.

Mrs. Redmond, 65, of Yonkers, N. Y., a widow, said in a telephone interview from her hotel in Shanghai, where she arrived Sunday, that she spent two hours with her son, Hugh, 42. It was her first visit with him since 1958.

"He was in good spirits and was very happy to see me," she said. "We spent nearly all our time talking about folks at home and had very little time to talk about him."

Redmond, a former employe of an import-export firm, has been in jail in Shanghai for 11 years. He is

one of four Americans being held in Chinese jails.

Mrs. Redmond said she met her son in the small prison visiting room.

"He was wearing his own clothes, including the sweater, shirt, and socks I took him when I was last here," she continued.

"This time I took him some shoes, socks and vitamin pills, which I know he needs, some homemade cookies and a couple of French books he asked me to bring.

"He asked me to take him some Russian books, so I guess he must be learning the language."

Mrs. Redmond said she hopes to be able to visit Hugh next October 30, his 48rd birthday, but said her visa, dated October 16, permitted her to stay in China only two weeks and she had been delayed in Hong Kong more than four days before entering China.

Mrs. Redmond said she is planning to write Premier Chou En-lai appealing for her son's release. (A similar appeal was turned down on her last visit).

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